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Curios and Relics

Musical Instruments

Piano

Springfield Home

Excerpts from newspapers and other sources

From the files of the
Lincoln Financial Foundation Collection



IN REPLY REFER TO:

United States Department of the Interior

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

LINCOLN HOME NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE
526 SOUTH 7TH STREET
SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS 62703

December 21, 1978

Mr. Kenneth Steffen
Route 4
Box 73
Bluffton, Indiana 46714

Dear Mr. Steffen:

We are in receipt of your request for information about a piano which used to be on display in the Lincoln Home.

We have enclosed a copy of the museum catalogue card for the piano, which gives information about it. It was removed from display a few years ago because the Lincoln's did not have a piano in their home.

We are happy to answer your request and thank you for your expression of interest.

Sincerely,

Robert F. Holmes
Acting Superintendent

Enclosure

CLASSIFICATION

creation Devices; Musical Instruments

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

CATALOGUE NO.

Lincoln's Home NHS

(AREA)

MUSEUM CATALOGUE RECORD

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ACCESSION NO.

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OBJECT

Piano

LOCALITY

America, before 1842

DESCRIPTION

Square grand piano. L. 80", H. 37 1/2" W. 36". Only 80 keys, piano rectangular in shape, 4 solid legs, chamfered on front two sides, legs taper slightly to solid feet, built out a bit and chamfered on front two sides like legs, keys set in a curved recessed area, edges of block in front over legs chamfered in a curve, front molded like a baseboard, wooden music stand consisting of 4 sticks fastened to a top stick, folds down into piano, top folds down in two parts, one over keys in front and locks. Marks: FUSCHERR in fancy gold script and below PHILADELPHIA in gold capitol lettering slanted to left and surrounded by scrolling both in area above keys. Condition: excellent. Supposed to have been Minnie Edwards Home and played at the Lincoln wedding. State inv. #45211.

E.M. Scherer

DATE RECEIVED	RECEIVED FROM (Name and address)	HOW ACQUIRED	
VALUE	PRESENT LOCATION <i>Living room Lincoln Home</i>	DETERMINED BY	DATE
CATALOGUER RuthAnne Heriot	DATE 1/27/73	MANNER OF DISPOSAL	DATE

FORM 10-254 (May 1957)

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Mark:

Mr. Steffen is the man with the
piano. He found out that he had
never owned a piano. Also the
piano he has was produced by
E. M. Scherer (according to library
reference) rather than Western Co.
There is data he rec'd from Springfield
Home.

over

I don't know what your thoughts are,
but he would sure like to see us
get it for its historical beauty even
though it does not play. One person,
a piano dealer, that he knows would
like to have it, but he is afraid, he
will just disassemble it for the
parts.

I told him I would give the
data to you.

M. J.



